4/18/69

Dear Dick,

Heard from Lincoln today. He has received and is readin COUP. I have also gotten Ray's letters to Judge Battle and find interesting things in them that the press did not report, like calling Foreman Percy "Fourflusher", saying he represented Ganule, not him, and calling him a liar in what he said in court. In this connection, you know I have little confidence in Dawney. Did I ever tell you he owes me money, for 250 books and the expensive shipping costs? Since getting them - and he has been selling them- I haven't heard a word. It is a year and a half. Well, - now have an "agent" in London, a very sweet, dedicated American girl who has already gone to Scotland Yard for copies of any and all releases, etc. She knows the owner of the Court and is going to see if there is any chance of getting information. So, if you know of questions to which we should seek answers, within the competence of a pretty and willing and intelligent but inexperienced 18-year-old girl, send them to me.

Your 4/11 is here. I think, if you desire, that I can get the local range office of the police dept. to make duplicate tests. There are some I've already spoken to the chief about and have his okay. There is time. I do not yet have the rifle back. What you say about the extractor makes sense. For any ultimate use, by us or by me, again there should be the manual, if it is available. Besides this, we can and should take our own pictures. The long letter was to Nichols. Here you say "Nicol". Or did you not send it to me?

What you say about 2E543 also makes sense. However, if you visualize this as having occurred 11/22, may I suggest you omit that in your reconstruction, if only in your mind? First of all, I think it more likely it happened earlier, which made planting less risky. Second, we know he had a shortage of bullets, else he'd have left more than one besides the three shells. Remember also, the FBI suspended search for the source of the bullets (WHITEWASH) once they learned of the ready availability of reloaded, soft-nosed ones.

If I go to the archives and seek to hold the bullets, they may likely prevent it. There is a greater likelihood I can do it while pictures are being made. I have had no answer from John on this or an earlier question, how soon does his lawyer need suggestions on the suit. I've had to lay that aside for a bit. I think it would have been better had I supervised the taking of pictures. I have never seen competent pictures taken for us except when I supervised and showed exactly what I want, as with 399, where what I showed you are the only new and meaningful ones. Color pictures are $10.00 each. So we need that to begin with? If we do a story for Look, that is different. But I will go if necessary or desireable. I just not want to go until we are certain. Now this probably means after John sees what gets.

I had comparisons of my own in mind to ask you about the inside and will have three is one of the things to make: emptied, emptied and primer fired and fired, this or both. However, I'm sure I thought there'd be a visual or a chemical difference. there are existing matters not to worry about doctoring or replacement because create a fake or to substitute can get and they find it close to impossible to are side views. Are there any? I'm wrong. I've just checked the exhibits. They identify with the bolt face. others? None of the primer end? How else could they soon as I hear from John I'll go there.

Sincerely,